





8. (Previously presented) A method for use with a system for managing digital media files, the method comprising the steps of:

using image recognition to recognize images portrayed in the digital media files, yielding metadata with respect to the digital media files indicative of the recognized images;

analyzing the metadata indicative of the recognized images to detect duplicate files among the digital media files;

displaying the duplicate files for a user; and

enabling the user to purge at least one of the duplicate files in the digital media files.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for use with a system for managing digital media files, the method comprising the steps of:

using scene detection to detect scenes portrayed in the digital media files, yielding metadata with respect to the digital media files indicative of the detected scenes;

analyzing the metadata indicative of the detecting scenes to detect duplicate files among the digital media files; and

displaying the duplicate files for a user to select to purge at least one duplicate file.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for use with a system storing a digital media file, the method comprising the steps of :

generating a thumbnail image corresponding to the digital media file based on a first configuration from a first user, the first configuration indicative of a first size of the thumbnail image, wherein the first size is at least one of resolution or dimension;

based on a query from a second user, performing an information retrieval search to locate and retrieve the thumbnail image;

receiving a second configuration from the second user, the second configuration indicative of a second size differing from the first size;

changing the thumbnail image to the second size based on the second configuration received from the second user.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein performing the information retrieval search further comprises:

displaying the thumbnail image as part of a search result, wherein the query is for information associated with the digital media file.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein performing the information retrieval search further comprises:

clustering the thumbnail image with at least another thumbnail image based at least on a similarity between metadata associated with the thumbnail image and the at least another thumbnail image.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein performing the information retrieval search further comprises:

identifying the thumbnail image and at least another thumbnail image as duplicates to be purged based at least on face recognition, image recognition, or scene detection.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, further comprising displaying the changed thumbnail image, in response to changing the thumbnail image.